



## **White River Proposed RMP Oil and Gas Development Amendment FACT SHEET: Dinosaur Trail Master Leasing Plan**

The Proposed White River Field Office Oil and Gas Development Resource Management Plan Amendment includes the Dinosaur Trail Master Leasing Plan, which covers a 422,800-acre area that includes 357,800 acres of federal minerals in the northwestern corner of the field office.

The purpose of an MLP is to provide BLM managers a way to strategically plan for oil and gas leasing and development and address potential resource conflicts. The Dinosaur Trail MLP provides tools to mitigate impacts from oil and gas development where conflicts with wildlife, values at Dinosaur National Monument, or other resources could occur.

The BLM received two external MLP proposals and explained why they were not being carried forward in the Draft RMP/EIS. Based on public comments, the Dinosaur Trail MLP was created for the area that best met the criteria for an MLP:

- The area is largely (68 percent) unleased
- There is a majority federal interest
- Industry has expressed interest in leasing
- Additional analysis is needed to address likely resource concerns

### **Key Elements of the Dinosaur Trail MLP**

**Phased Leasing:** Leasing within the Dinosaur Trail MLP is proposed to progress in phases to address resource values and concerns. Leasing will first occur in the southern portion of the MLP where the oil and gas potential is highest. Leasing within Greater Sage-Grouse habitat, areas of low oil and gas potential, or areas adjacent to Dinosaur National Monument could occur once the BLM has completed additional analysis and planning.

**Stipulations:** Of the 357,800 acres of BLM-administered oil and gas mineral estate included in the Dinosaur Trail MLP:

- 315,600 acres of BLM federal oil and gas mineral estate would be open to leasing and subject to lease stipulations including:
  - 83,100 acres No Surface Occupancy
  - 186,700 acres Controlled Surface Use
  - 315,600 acres Timing Limitations
- 154,000 acres would be managed with specific stipulations to minimize impacts to visual resources, night skies, and soundscapes near Dinosaur National Monument
- 42,200 acres would remain closed to leasing including the Bull Canyon, Skull Creek, and Willow Creek Wilderness Study Areas and the National Park Service's Harpers Corner Road withdrawal